CLARENCE.

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PART II-CHAPTER II. Night at last, and the stir and tumult of a great fight over. Even the excitement that had swept this portion of the lattle-field -only a small section of a vaster area of struggle-into which a brigade had marched, held its own, been besten back, recovered its ground, and, pursuing, had passed out of it forever, leaving only its dead behind, and knowing nothing more of that struggle than its own impact and momentum-even this wild excitement had long since evaporated with the stinging smoke of gunpowder, the acrid smell of burning rags from the clothing of a dead so dier fired by a bursting shell or the bented reck of sweat and leather. A cool breath that seemed to bring back once more the odor of the upturaed earthworks along the now dumb line of battle, began to

move from the suggestive darkness beyond, But into that awful penetralia of death and silen, e there was now no invasion-thine had been no retreat. A few of the wounded had been b ought out under fire but the others had been left with the deal for the morning light and succor. For it was known that in that horrible obscurity riderless horses, fruntic with the smell of blood, galloped wildly here and there, or, maddened by wounds, plunged furiou ly at the intruder; that the wounded soldier, still armed, could not always distinguish friend from ice or fr.m the gircula of camp tollowers who stripped the dead in the carse as and struggled with the dying. A shot or two heard somewhere in that obscurity counted as nothing with the long fus ale that had swept it in the day time; the passing of a single lise, more or less, amounted to lit-tle in the long roll-call of the day's shanghter. But with the first beams of the morning

But with the first beams of the morning gun and the slowly moving "reaset detail" from the camp—came a word half resurrec-tion of that ghastly field. Then it was that the long rays of smalight, streaming many a mile beyond the battle line, first pointed out the harvest of the dead where the reserves

the harvest of the dead where the reserves had been posted. There they lay in beans and piles, killed by solid shot or bursting shells that had lenged the lattle line to plunge into the waiting ranks beyond.

As the san fitted higher its beams fell within the range of muskerry fire where the dead my thicker, even as they had falses when killed outright, with arms extended, and feet at all angles to the field. As it fouried these deal mytarned fixes, strangely enough it brought out no expression to plant or anguest, but rather as it death had arrested them only with surprise and awe. It remaied on the lips of these woo had been mortally wounted, and with surprise and awe. It revealed on the lips of those woo had been mortally wounded, and had torned up on their side, the relief which death had trought their suffering, sometimes even with a smile. Monnting bigner, it glameed upon the accord battle line, curiously curving for the sheater of walls, lences and breastworks—and here the dead lay, even as when they had lain and fired, their incess prone in the grass, but their musices still resting across the breastworks.

Expand to grape and consister from the lattery on the ridge, death had come to them more thaily also—through the head and throst. And now the whole field my bare in the sur-

And now the whole field fay bare in the sun And how to whole he and the state of the light, broken with grotesque shallows cast from sitting crouching, half recumbent, but always rigid, figures. That rigint have been edigles of their own monuments. One hulknessing soldier, with head bowed between his stilleard hands, might bave stood for a curven figure of grief at the feet of his dead coursels. A captain, shot through the train in the act of mounting a wall, lay adexays half across it, his dip-parted with the word of command and swerd still pefulfug over the barrier the way that they about go.

But it was not until the sun had mounted

higher that it struck the central borror of the righter that it strack the central porter of the field and seemed to linger there in durating persistence, now and then returning to it is startling tools, that it might be seen of men and those who brought succer. A tiny brook had not chi quely near the battle line. It was here that the night teorer the battle friend. and for had filled their canteens side by sid and for had filled their cantients side by side with sodierly rocklessiers, or perhaps a higher instinct, purposely ignoring each other's presence. It was here that the wounded had afterward, crept, crawled and dragged themselves; here they dragged themselves; here they pushed, wrangled, straves and in for a draught of that precious which assunged the thirst of their adsor happily put them out of their adsor happily put them out of their ham on the configurations crushed sufmisery forever; here, overborne, crushed, suf-focated by numbers, pouring their own blood into the food and lumbling over it with their heighest bodies, they damned the stream, until recoiling, red and angry, it had barst its limbs and over-lowed the cotton field in a brave pool that how sparkled in the samight. But below this bonum dam—a mile away—where the brook still crept sluggishly, the ambulance burses sniffed and

The detail moved on slowly, doing their work expeditionally and apparently callously, but readly enly with that mechanism more-ment that saves canotion. Only once were they moved to an outbreak of ladigation. the discovery of the body of an officer whose poracts were turned inside out, but whose hand was still tightly grasped on his buttoned watsour, as if reasoning the outrage that had been done while thill in life. As the men dis narged the stillened hand

As the men dis nanged the stiffened hand somewhap shiped roat the waisteat to the ground. The corporal picked it up and handed it to be officer. It was a scaled packet. The officer remived it with the carcisomers which long experience of these patients had induced, and dropped it in the pocket of his tunic, with the half dozen offices that be had peaked up that morning, and moved on with the death. A finite forther on they halted in the attitude of attention as a mounted efficer appeared riding slowly down the line.

There was pomething more than the habit-There was possething more than the habit-nal respect of liber superfor in their in es as become forward. For it was the general who had commended the brigade the day before the an who leaped with one bound into the forward cank of military leaders. It was its the architectural than had led the ad-vance, beld tand defeat against overwholming maders, as anised the raily, impressed in subordance officers with his own undertailing purpose, and even impressed among them an almost superstations relief in his destiny of success. It was this man who had done what it was denied in possible to do-weat what it was deemed injourable to do want even at the time it was thought travise and unstrategit to do who he held a well pestion, of apparently no importune, under the mandate of an incomprehension order from his emperior which at best asked only for a sa rifles and was awarded with a victory. He had decima ed his brigade, but the wounded and siving had cheered him as he passed, and the survivors had pursued the enemy n til the burie alled them tack. For such a record he looked still too young and every effentionee, allest his handso dark and serious, and his mannor tacitura. ou cheye had already caught sight of iffed body of the officer, and contracted, e capain of the detail saluted him, he

"I thought the orders were to fire upon any one desecrating the stead?"
"They are, general, but the hyenas don't give me a chance. That's all yonder poor ellow saved rom their claws, 'replied the officer, as he neld up the scaled packet. "It has

The concral took it, examined the envelope, thrust it into his belt, and said: "I will

and of horses' hoofs came from the add-ide behind the teach. Bota men

turned. A number of field officers were approaching. "The division sinfl," said the captain in a lower vo.cs. failing tack.

They came slowly forward, a central figure on a gray horse leading here, as in history, a short, thick-set man with a crizz ed beard closely crop, ed around an insermable mouth, and the serious hematic of a recessin le closely cropped around an insertrantic mouth, and the serious between the single star on the shoulder strap of his loose country a acon in his aspect, which even the single star on the shoulder strap of his loose to the tunic, and his soldierly sent in the saddle could not entirely objected the general of brigate and culciconed his horse as the latter drew up. The starf followed more issurely, but still with some curiosity to witness the meeting of the first general of the Army with the latest. The dicksion go nera saluted, but amost instantly willdraw his leather gauntlet, and offered his larged has bared hand to the brigadier. The dicksion go nera saluted, but amost instantly willdraw his leather gauntlet, and offered his bared hand to the brigadier. The dicksion go nera saluted, but amost instantly willdraw his leather gauntlet, and offered his bared hand to the brigadier. The dicksion go nera saluted, but amost instantly willdraw his leather gauntlet, and offered his bared hand to the brigadier. The dicksion go nera saluted, but amost instantly willdraw his leather gauntlet, and offered his bared hand to the brigadier. The mother of the first proposed and the same faced by our neighbor's, the Manlys, who occasionally visits the servants here. A mulatto, I think."

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up detail, the waiting staff listened. This

"Hullock tells me you're from California!" "Yes, general."
"Ah! I lived there, too, in the early days.
Wonderful country. Developed greatly since

wonderful country. Developed greatly since my time, I suppose?"
"Tes, general."
"Great resources. Finest wheat growing country in the world, sir. You don't happen to know what the actual crop was this year?"
"Hardly, general, but something enormous."

ous."
"Yes, I always said it would be. Have a cigar?"

He handed his cigar case to the brigadier, He handed his eigar case to the brigadier. Then he took one himself, lighted it at the smouldering sad of the one he had taken frem his mouth, was about to the ow the stump carelessly down, but, suddenly recollecting himself, leaned over his horse and cropped it carefully a few inches away from the face of a dead soldier. Then straightening himself in the saddle he shoved his horse matter the brigadier.

ing himself in the saddle he shoved his horse against the brigadier, moving him a little further on, while a slight movement of his hand kept the staff from following.

"A beary less here!"

"I'm afrail so, general,"

"It couldn't be helped. We had to rush in your brigade to gale time, and occupy the enemy until we could change front."

The young general looked at the shrewd cold eyes of his chief, "Change front." he echoed.



all our plans, and knew every detail of our formed moved ends. All had to be changed, 'The young man now instantly understood the incomprehensible order of the daybefore. The general of division continued, with his first touch of official formative. 'You understood the incomprehensible order of the daybefore. The general of division continued, with his first touch of official formative. 'You understood the first touch of official formative.' 'You understood the former course, which his duty made implies yet and how his being de had been selected by the is on your first touch of official formative. 'You will be a selected by the is on your had been selected by the is on your factors and equilibrate to safer for and yet retrieve it. It is had in this wished plot ought he to stigate had been selected by the is on your factors and equilibrate to safer for and yet retrieve it. It is had in this wished plot ought he to stigate had been selected by the is on your factors and the factors are landown and the factors and the factors are landown and the factors which his duty made imperative factors. He hardly with a said.

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Why, its one of our own men!" he said quickly. ies, general. They say its Licot, Wainregular of the division supply de-

"Then what was he doing here?" asked, Gen. Brant, sternly, en, Brant, sterniy,
"I can tragge out, sir; unless he went into



see the fight, I reckon. He was a dashing fellow, a West Pointer—and a Southerner, too

virginian,"
"A Virginian;" echoed Brant, quickly,
"les, s.r."
"Search him again," said Brant, quictly, He had recovered his usual cool ess, He had recovered his usual cool ess, and as the captain again exactined the body he took out his tab ets and wrote a few lines. It was an order to search the quarters of Lieut, Wainwright and bring all tapers, letters, and documen a to him. He then beckened one of the detail toward him. "Take that to the provest marshal at once. Well, captain," he added, calmly, as the officer again approached him, "what do you find?"

"tinly this, sir," returned the captain, with a half smile, producing a small photograph.
"I suppose it was overlooked, too. He handed it to Beas."

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handed it to Brast.

There was a sudden fixing of his commanding officer's eyes, but his face did not otherwise change,

"The usual find, general. But this time rather a bandsome woman."
"Very," said Clarence Brant quietly. "It
was the portrait of his own wife!"

covered. He had heard from her only once, and then through her late husband's lawyer, in regard to her California property, and believed that she had gone to her relations in Alabama, where she had identified herself with the Southern cause even to the sacrifice of her private fortune.

He had heard her name mentioned in the Southern press as a fascinating society icader, and even conductive of Southern politicians.

and even coadjutrix of Southern politiciansand even coadjutrix of Southern politicians-but he had no reason to believe that sie had taken re active or so desperate a part in the struggle. He tried to think that his uneasi-ness sprang from his recollection of the pre-vious treachery of Capt. Pinckney, and the part that she had played in the California conspiracy—although he had long since ac-quitted her of the betrayal of another trust. But there was a faton is injustive in the two

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"Yes. Before a gun was fired it appeared without adding what might be a clew to his that the enemy was in complete possession of

"BULLOUE TELLS ME YOU ARE FROM CALIFORNIA,"

sind in he pestition which you are to take to morrow and the classification of will occupy, you while see that your private coarters, as well as your lives or coarters, as well as your lives coarters, as well as your lives, are cleared of all but inose, you care much lor. He remained for a moment with us beant remained for a moment with us beant beat in sending committee the ment with us beant beat in sending committee the first strategy with which he had restrategy with which he had restrategy with which he had restrated the traiters' success. Then his eye caught the seal does not make a superior of the course of the mental and his brow known in the first house, wint its known care and a she glanced at them his lace drivered and his brow known had been accounted and him. The stall had fracted away the captain and his defail were continuing tied work at a fittle distance. He took a forzebration broad him, The stall had fracted away the captain and his defail were continuing tied work at a fittle distance. He took a forzebration broad him, The stall had fracted away the captain and his defail were continuing tied work at a fittle distance. He took a forzebration broad him of the movements, plans, and force of the whole division as had been arranged in conscious there was no indication of the writer or his intentions.

He thrust the papers nurriedly back into the envelope, and placed it, this time, in his breast. He allowed the whiler or his intentions. the envelope, and placed it, this time, in his breast. He rallog allowed the emplan.

"Let me see the officer from whom you took that packet?"

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The was sitting one alternoon alone before his reports and dis atch a, when this induseres esemed so strong that he half impassively laid them aside to include in a long reverie. He was recalling his last day at Roller, the early morning used with Fine-hory, the return to San Francisco, and the succion resolution which sent him that day across the continuant to offer has services to the government. He remembered his delay in the Western town where a volunteer reimbent was being recruited, his entrance into it as a private, his rigid secretion through the force of hisheer decision and interior and prevate at outment and private at outmer than the concentration, to the entancy of his con-est, and the services to the continuent to the entance him to the continuent to the entance him to the continuent to the entance him to the continuent to the conti concentration, to the castaney of his cor-pany, his swift promotion on hard-fourit, fields to the bend of the reciment, and the singular spaces that had followed his resesess energy, which led him no time to think

erect and graceful, but as she turned toward the door leading to the offices he distinctly saw the gaudity turbaned heat and black slibouette of a negress. Nevertheless he haited a moment at the door of the next

"See who that woman is who just passed. Mr. Martin, She doesn't seem to bel The young officer rose, put on his cap, and departed. In a few moments he returned.
"Was she tall, sir—of a good fi_ure and

very straight?"

handsome, reserved, and ascetic-looking rewerseful on the following day, he added a lender.

lender.

A few mornings afterward Brant was interrupted over his reports by the amost about rupt entrance of the bilicer of the day. His face was fushed, and it was avident that only the presence of dais seperior restrained his excitement. He held apaper in his band.

"A lady presents this order and pass from washington, countersign d by the division general.

Word to his ordinary cap lifting when he passed her, but she retained a reproachful silence. Later in the day he received from the servant a respectful request for an interview, and was releved to find that she entered his presence with no trace of her former not adeply injured yet not entirely unforgiving woman.

"I thought," she began, coldly. "that I general. general.
"A lady?"
"Yes, cir—she is dressed as such. But she

res, sir—she is dressed as such. But she has not only declined the mest ordinary civilities and courtesies we have offered her, but has insulted Mr. Martin and myself grossly, and demands to be shown to you alone.

Brant took the paper, It was a special order from the President passing Miss Malidid Faulkner through the Federal lines to wait her uncless howe. outited her of the letrayal of another trust.
But there was a fateful similarly in the two
cases. There was no doubt that this Lieut.
Wainwright was a traitor in the camp—that
he he descended to the miserable sophistry
of his class in regard to his superior allegiance to his native State. But was there the
inducement of another emotion, or was the
photograph only the souvenir of a fascinating preservation and disposa of
certan family effects and private property
that still remained there, or to take and carry
away such property, and invoking all necessary aid and assistance from the United
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protest, but he di; not let his subordinate see the uneasiness with which it libed him.

"Show her in," he said,quienty.
But she had allewly entered, brushing seorafully past the officer, and drawing her skirt aside as if contaminated. A very preity South ra gird, seoraful and red-lipped, clad in a gray thing babit, and stil carrying her riding whip clenched eminous y in her siim, gauntieted hand.

"You have my permit in your hand," sice

gauntieted hand.

"You have my permit in your hand." sine said, brusquely, bardly raising her eyes to Brant. "I on pose it's all straight mough, and even if it isn't, I don't reckon to be kept

and even if it sulf, I don't recken to be kept waiting with those hirelings."
"Your 'permit' is 'straight enough.' Miss Faulkner," said Brant, stowir reading her name from the document be ore him, "out as it does not seem to include permission to insuit my officers, you will perimps allow them first to retire." He made a sign to the officer, who passed out of the door. As it closed he went on in a gentle, but oldly unimpassioned voice: "I perceive you are a contiern lady, and therefore I need not semind you that it is not consistered good form to treat you that it is not consistered good form to treat that it is not considered good form to treat even the s aves of those one does not like oncivily, and I must therefore expect that you will keep your active animosity for myself."

The young girl lifted her eyes, she had evidently not expected to meet a man so young, so handsome, so refred, and so co dly invincible in manner. Still less was she prepared for that kind of animonsis. In keeling up her preconcerted at it use toward the "Northe in hucking" she had seen in the will official brusqueness, contemptanos silence, or agarieved indignation—but nothing as xasperating as the silence of a thise. perating as the even fancied to at this e.e. grant, but sardonic-looking sold er was in-wardly nock my her. She bit her red up, but with a scornful gesture of her reding whip,

said. "I recken that your knowledge of Southern Indies is, for certain reasons, not very ex-"Tarden me. I have but the honor of

spare her? Or were his destroy and hers to be thus monstroasly linked together.

Luckily, however, the exposure of the chief off-marrying one;

Apparently more expoperated than be ore she turned upon him a rucally, "los say my posses after the timety discovery of his papers enabled the division commander to keen the after discreetly silent, and to replan equal secrety on the part of B and, the hatter, however, did not retail to typidance, an after the natvance the next day he made a minute inspection of the ground how as to occurry, his orderly, "send all the honor of marrying one;"

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"on will unders and, therefore, Miss fanisher, that you have your wish, and that you will not be exposed to an contact with the members of my mintary family, nor they

est. And even now he was a little ashamed of what he believed was has sensitiveness to more conventional or 1, ism, which, with the instinct of a proud man, he had despised.

of anything but his duty. The suddon intrasion of his wife upon his career, even in this
accidental and perpaps innocent way, had
seriously unsettled him.

The shallows were growing heavier and
deeper, it haked only a cw momen soit the
sunset butle when he was recalled to muself by that singular instinctive conneceusness, common to humanay, of being intently
looked at. He turned quickly, the door behad him closed south. He rose and slipped
into the hall. The tall figure of a woman
was coming down the passage. She was
creet and graceful, but as she turned toward
the black leading to the offices he distinctly
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they placed sheatly against the wall, and as stiently withdrew.

On snother occasion the same spirited young lady, whom Briant was satisfied would have probably imperited her life under fire, in devotion to her cause, was brought ignominiously to hay in the field by that most appalling of donestic an mais, the wand ring and unit ammeled cow. Briant could not help sadding as he heard the quick, harsh call to "turn out goard" now the men marched

ing woman.

"I thought," she began, coldly. "that I ought to inform you tha I would probably be able to concude my business here by the day after to-merrow, and that you would then be relieved of my presence. I am aware, indeed," he added, bitterly, "I could scarcely help percelsing, that it has been an exceedingly theorems one.

help percelsing. Until has been an exceedingly fixsome one."

"I trust," b gan Brant, coldly, "that no gentleman of my command has "Seated in her cosy channer under the Virginia cares. I asked her how a woman of return to her former manner and a passionate sweep of her hand. "Do outsuppose for amount that I am speaking that I am even thinking of them! What are they to me?"

"That you I have been an exceeding the other day as to her idea of a model family nursery.

Seated in her cosy channer under the Virginia cares. I asked her how a woman of moderate means should go about to equip an ideal nursery. "Suppose you were that woman," I suggested, "now would you do "Seate and the other day as to her idea of a model family nursery. "Thank you. I am glad to know that they are nothing, and that I may now trust that you have consulted my wisces and have referred your animosity for me," returned limit, quietly. "If that is so, I see no reason for your burrying your departure in the least." She rose instantly, "I have," she said

slowly, controlling herself with a slight effort, found sone one who will take my duty off my hands. She is a servant of one of your neighbors—who is an old friend of my unles—the woman i familiar with the louse and our private property. I will give her full instructions to art for me—and seen, an authorizations to act for me-and even an authoriza-tion in writing if you prefer it. She is already in the habit of coming here-but her visits will give you very little trouble. And as she is a slave or, as you call it, I believe a chattel, she will be already quite ascustomed to the treatment which her class are in the habit of receiving from Northern hands." Without waiting to perceive the effect of her Parthian

shot, she swept promity out of the room.
"I wonder what she means," mused Brant as her quick step died away in the passage, "One thing is certain, a woman like that is altogethe too impulsive for a spy,"

Later, in the twilight, he saw her walking Later, in the twilight, he saw her walking in the garden. There was a figure at her side. A little curious, he examined it more closely from his window. It was already familiar to him—the erect, slate ety form of his neighbor's servant. A thoughtful look passed over his face as he muttered, "So this is to be her depatty?"

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

A BOY'S ROOM.

It Should Be Plain and Comfortable-Pictures and on Open Fire.

Let the girls monopolize the white and gold furniture, but give the boy a room which is more like a burn than a "jewell casket," Let him be at the top of the house, where he may dame jigs undistoried, and have room to stretch his growing body, says ine New York Commercian Advertiser. The clie-p oak sets which are sold are quite nice for a boy who does not criticise carving

or examine the grain or design too losely, should have a chillonier and a washstand. he should have a chi oneer and a washstand, with a pet, lancy pitcher a d tasin. The floor can be samed or covered with matting and one of those Japan me ru; which come in such beautiful tints, flung over it. The bed can be o wood if a set is benefit, but iron rainted while is always to be preferred.

If he is one of the bo-pstable kind who will The room was presently filled with the have freads to visit him and there is no other place in the cases to store away the vistor the Loy will have to share his couch and plants in the window, a bird, with them, of course, and in that case a lingue petures aways emertain children—three-quarter bed will be necessary. It is well to cake a cover of the loy shed, Snewy "Out the log y" I suggested, impatient to religious and white wint the boy with have to said in that case a three-quarter bed will be necessary. It is well to cake a over or the low shed. Showy pillows and white units are kept immediate esouth in the girls rooms, but the boy will probably mann or to seneral to be with ins, a disty cont, a wet umbrells or any of those dury things will he boy many or less woop.

A cover of inkish-red brothem or colors which will or espond to those of the furniture or in the rug, nade to struch across and reach down to the ground, is always useful, and the boy stands much less in ace or it than a prome one seyes.

The boy should have a desk and a good size in the will are considered with in the colors will be used to the colors which will be come of the furniture of the ground, is always useful, and the boy stands much less in ace or it then a prome one seyes.

The boy should have a desk and a good size in the boy is not than a child does not keep "everything in its place" is that there has never been a place for everything, and if the boy has a table for all the traps so dear to bis least and a place for all the traps so dear to bis least and a color was a color of the solid server and the place in the traps so dear to bis least and a child store has been to bis least and a color and the color and the traps so dear to bis least and a color was a color of the color and the traps so dear to bis least and a color of the solid server.

system.

A set of bookshelves, which can be bought for a dedict, or which, if he is industrious and harmy, he can lashion and stain himself, about 100 and 100 come for his shoes. These boxes covered with carpet and high enough for a seat can be be ucht, but the expense is triding to have an ordinary box, and it will be quite as useful, and, if covered with crytonne, quite pretty.

An open firsthance is a great charm in a boy's room. There be can reast postators, burn his fove letters, made taffy, and have constant parties, and it is a healthful, cheerful, and not expensive addition to any room. Have pictures on the wall gray ones of tright scolors or black and white sketches, ust as this loys take goes. He will choose teen, and the colors of the major of the water. The alcohol sponge is given while it is on the table. Bany making make the softest towers.

have a skeleton on the chandeller if he wishes to, for to have a scarlet curtain on the look shelpes. The pariers to your dainty choice of pant and office.

Guide his asts, but let him exercise his own individuality. A discovered pictures a picule of Busale Bill classing on a glipple, The long tube is hurd to keep clean, and is now contemned as a microbe preservable for the control of the land of of the land

necessary over blacking a stove," said a lady, which the testile is slipped, while the tag is

It is a rabber larg with an outside posterior of which the bottle is supped, while the Lag is filled with better supped, while the Lag is filled with better supped, while the Lag is filled with better action. She had on a pair of stout lead for gives and was applying the blacking with the round part of an ord nary since crises, which she said was lighter and therefore much more easily wielded than the usual stove brush. The of er side of the brush she used in polishing with fight, even strokes, like an expert bootoblacs. If always keep soft paps along from the groceries tucked in this box miled up near the stove, and every day I slip two or three over my gioved hand and give it a rub. The consequence is that I only need apply polish once a week. Another little thing worth remembering in regard to stove-cleaning is to wipe the dust from the stove thoroughly lefore you apply any polish. There is always a right in and a wrong way to come a subject of a thing, and the wrong way doubles the task.

Answers the Purpose.

Hes-Can you remember the names of

He-Can you Howell's novels?
She-Ob, yes: Aunt Beaconbill makes me memorize them. But I can't remember the stories.—Exchange. He--Can you remember the names of

"After Taking." Wiggins-My dear boy, you look as happy as an "after taking" picture.

Benedick—Do 17 No wonder. That's just what I am. She has just accepted me.—Harper's Bacar.

IF THE WOMEN OIN THE FORCE. If the women turn policemen What a time there's surely be; How the boys will crowd about 'em When their uniforms they see.

Th ey will tie their clubs with ribbons. Trim their coats with fur and lace, They will cast aside the helmet. And wear bounets in their place.

When they meet a "Weary Wraggles," And he states his tale of wee,

They will, like all . I er women, Start to sob, and let him go. When they chase a fleeing cracksman, And he vanits a nei hioring fence, When she starts to scale right after Then the fun will be intense.

AN IDEAL NURSERY LOVELL

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- The nursery, as it is known in English households, does prevail largely in the United States, Mother's room or the family sitting room more fraquently shares with us the buby's weal or woo. The essentials of a public and family nursery are almost identical. Therefor Miss Marjory Hall, matron of one of the World's Records

greatest creches in this country, was interviewed the other day as to her idea of a model

it?" Accustomed to deal with large probleas, Miss Hall proceeded deliterately to construct the ideal nursery. "First," she said, "I would select for the nursery the brightest, sunniest room in the house. It is a great mistake to restrict children to small, chee:

less goarters." "Would you cover the floor?" "Yes, I think I would," was the reply.

Cover it with a bright three-ply ingrain earpet. Matting breaks and is liable to injure a creeping child. Bare floors are too hard, children play on the floor, and there is atways danger of draughts, and a good carpet lends warmth and comfort despite it imposes greater labor on the mother or nurse. For



MINS MAJORY HALL.

cheerfulness and ventilation an open firep'are cannot be surpassed. A cylindrical clove with a high screen or a decora ive gas stove are the next best substitutes. A screen is enpaole of infinite service in a nursery. A chilinger for the buby's wardroic, an iron or mass-bassiner for the buby's wardroic, an iron or mass-bassiner for the burse and a good rocker are sufficient furniture. If there are children beside the baby, each should have an iron ised. Brees or how, each should have an iron ised. Brees or

"Oh, yes," continued Miss Hall, "I would

never been a place for everything, and if the boy has a table for all the trains so dear to his teart and a desk where he can have his school-hooks and do his lessons and write to his grandmother, he will probably grow into an orderly, studious and dutino wouth—smaller things than to as have civil zell people.

Either Cleveland each have a rubber time probably if on not believe every boy is a saving.

foll, and not expensive addition to any room. Have pletures on the wait gay ones of tright colors or black and white sketches, not as the boy's taste goes. He will choose toem, and under further direction place them pretties. A love ad, give him floerty. Let him give little parties up there. Permit him to have a sketche on the dandelier if he washes to have a scaled curtain on the cook.

penses with a long tube. It has simply a with mustant banging over the oot of his bed, where the can see in the first thing in the bed, where the can see in the first thing in the me ning, would set o some boys far more benniting than four first his of Linemata Walton or Bourgaereau's Holy Family in a fine meszotiat.

How to Polish a Stove.

Women menerally work twice as hard as the first of the control of the control

Would you have a swinging chair in your

ideal nursery: "was asked,
"les, I think I would," said Miss Ha'l.
"We could not have them in the crecke- it
would require too much of the nurse's attention, but is a private nursery they would aftion, but is a private nursery they would afford the baby amusement. Of course, as the found from the baby amusement. Of course, as the cuild grows the nursery furnture naturally increases. A 'pound, such as we had at the fair, is excellent. Any carpenter could make the little portable wood inclosure. Line it with ticking. I do not altogether approve of the 'bassinet; a child should be trained to go to sheep without the swinging motion. A crib is better. The main thing is to prevent overcrow ing the nursery with furniture. Leave plenty of space for the children to play. A vital point is the ventilation, It is better to open a door leading into a hall before raising awandow. Draughts piay have with child it is, and their presence counting. play have with child it e, and their presence in the nursery is largely due to the nurse or mother's ignorance."

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A WOMAN WHO HAD HER WAY.

are Bound to Buy That House if She Did Raise Ter Own Hid and Her Husband's. Among the interested visitors on the floor of the real-estate board suction-rooms at 111 Br a lway vesterday was a tall woman with coal-biacs bair, flashing eyes, and lips tightly compressed. Training behind her as she waited about was a little man who anybody might have known was her husband, says the New York Sun. They were Mrs. William Kelly, of East One-hundred-and-sixtleth street between Melrose and Effon avenues, and Mr. Kelly. The tall woman a gamee when it was a ron the anchoner, was fixed disda bindy upon another lit to man, who was severabled by a norther of woman. This

was necompanied by a party of women. was Thomas Kedy, the tall woman's brother-The reason for this gathering was a parti-tion sale by Peter F. Meyer & Co. of a frame house and for in East 160th street. The planshouse and ict in fast room street. The painting in the action was It omas Kelly. Just as soon as the sale began, Without Kelly, novembed by als wive, and Thomas Kelly, november to the woman friends, at out to out it each of ar. The price has got by degrees to calsion, and still Thomas showed no signs of weatening. With on-h bid Mrs. William got more excited. She guard at Thomas every time he raised her husban i. When William offer d \$3,500 Mrs. William look at Thomas and saw that he

was going to raise again. So, to settle him, she turus: up her arm and cried: 'I'll give a hundred more nas blinked and bid 83,700. "A hundred more!" cried Mrs. William, ex-

citediv.

Thomas opened his mouth, but before he could get out a word Mrs. William yelled: "A hundred more:
Then the auctionest explained to Mrs.
William that she might raise her husband's
bula as much as she wanted to, but not her
own. She shook her head and sate she didn't
care, she was bound to have the property.
Thomas must have thought that, too, for he

When a Sun reporter saw Mrs. William Lida Ross McCare, last night she was on a stephalder taking down some vines from the front of her new

Good for Her.

Young Tutter—Do you mind, Miss Clara, if I don't wear a dress suit after this when I call?

Miss Pinkerly—Certainly not, Mr. Tutter, if you are coming on business.—The Cothier and Fornisher,